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ABSTRACT

This library handbook is a guide for the student of American History. It lists some of the more useful materials and reference books basic to general research and gives their location in the Fogler Library at the University of Maine. Materials are listed in seven categories: (1) guides to the literature; (2) encyclopedias and dictionaries; (3) biographies; (4) atlases; (5) government publications; (6) collections of early sources; and (7) abstracts and indexes. Some items are annotated. (Author/AWP)

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A note on using the card catalog:

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978	Western States of U.S.

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GUIDES TO THE LITERATURE

Ref
Z
6201
A55
Desk

American Historical Association. Guide to historical literature. N.Y., Macmillan Co., 1961-
Annotated bibliography of treatises and source materials arranged in large country and subject groups.

Ref
Z
1236
H27
Desk

Freidel, Frank B., ed. Harvard guide to American history. Rev. ed. Cambridge, MA., Belknap Pr., 1974. 2 vols.
Includes material to June 30, 1970. Vol. I lists material by form (newspapers, maps, bibliographies, public printed documents, etc.) and by topic, with an emphasis on economic, social and cultural history. Biographies and personal accounts are included as one section. Vol. II runs largely to political and diplomatic history with the material arranged, for the most part, in chronological order. Included in Vol. II is a section on special subjects for the period 1607-1789.

Ref
Z
1250
U59
1975

United States. Library of Congress. United States local histories in the Library of Congress. Baltimore, Magna Carta Book Co., 1975. 4 vols.

GUIDES TO THE LITERATURE (Cont'd.)

Ref
Z
1215
U53

United States Library of Congress. General Reference and Bibliography Div. A guide to the study of the United States of America: representative books reflecting the development of American life and thought. Washington, Library of Congress, 1960.

A short précis given of each entry. The index includes authors, titles and subjects.

Ref
Z
1236
L331

Writin[illegible]n American history. (Publisher varies,, 1902-1961; 1973-

An annual index and bibliography of books and articles on U.S. history.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

Ref
E
174
A43

Adams, James T., ed. Dictionary of American history. N.Y., Charles Scribner's Sons, 1940. 5vols.

Covers all aspects of United States history from 1600-1940 with the exception of biographies. Supplements update this work.

E
173
A793

Annals of America. Chicago, Encyclopedia Britannica, 1968. 20vols.

A chronological encyclopedia of American history.

Ref
E
1745
M847
1976

Morris, Richard B. Encyclopedia of American history. N.Y., Harper & Row, 1976.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ref
E
176
D56

Dictionary of American biography, under the auspices of American Council of Learned Societies. N.Y., Charles Scribner's Sons, 1943. 20v. + supp.
Scholarly biography of people no longer living judged to have made a distinctive contribution to some aspect of American life and who lived in the territory now known as the United States.

Ref
E
663
W54

Who was who in America: Historical volume, 1607-1896 and Who was who in America. Chicago, Marquis, various volumes covering from 1897- 1973.
A compilation of sketches on individuals who have contributed to American history. Includes U.S. citizens and people from foreign countries.

Ref
E
176
A65

Wilson, James G. and John Fiske, eds. Appleton's cyclopaedia of American biography. N.Y., D. Appleton & Co., 1887-1900. 6 vols.
Includes native and adopted citizens of the United States from the earliest periods of U.S. history to the publication date. Includes people from Canada, Mexico, and other foreign countries who are closely tied to U.S. history.

Ref
F
3
W61

Who's who in New England. Chicago, Marquis & Co., 1909-1949. 4 vols.
A biographical dictionary of leading men and women who lived in the six New England states.

ATLASES

Ref
E
179.5
A3

Adams, James T., ed. Atlas of American history. N.Y., Charles Scribner's Sons, 1943.
Locates all places mentioned in Dictionary of American history.

Ref
G
1201
S1P32

Paullin, Charles O. Atlas of the historical geography of the United States. Washington, D.C. and N.Y., Pub. jointly by Carnegie Institution of Washington and the American Geographical Society of New York, 1932.
Covers United States history from earliest times to 1920's.

COVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Doc.
GP3.2:
C41/2

Checklist of United States public documents, 1789-1910. N.Y. Kraus reprint, 1962.
This is as complete a list of U.S. government publications as there is anywhere for the period covered.

Doc.
Dep.
Item

Congressional Record. 1873-
Presumably a verbatum account of vote and debate in the Congress. This is not always the case however. For a good description of this please read in Schmeckebier, Gov. Publ. and their use, pp. 139-143, Ref Z 1233 Z7S3 at the Reference Desk.

Doc.
G93.8:

Monthly catalog of United States government publications. U.S. Superintendent of Documents. 1895-
A bibliography of current publications issued by all offices of the Federal government.

COLLECTIONS OF EARLY SOURCES

Micro-print
MC 015 .73 E92e

Early American Imprints, 1639-1800.

Microprint edition of the complete text of 42,000 books, pamphlets and broadsides printed in the U.S. from 1639-1800. Based on Charles Evans' American Bibliography (Ref Z 1215 E92) and supplement. The reproductions are identified and arranged by the Evans numbers.

Micro-print
MC 015 .73 E92e

Early American Imprints, 2d series 1801-1819.

Similar reproductions of the works listed in Shaw's American Bibliography 1801-1819 (Ref Z 1215 S48). A total of approximately 50,000 titles.

Micro-print

Early American Newspapers, 1704-1820.

When complete, this collection will include reproductions of all obtainable issues of more than 2,000 newspapers listed in Brigham's History and Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820. (Ref Z 6951 B86). Each newspaper is listed by title in the card catalog of the Fogler Library. A list of what is available in the series is located in the Microfilm Room and the Reference Department of the Library.

ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES

An index supplies bibliographic citations to articles books, papers, etc.

An abstract supplies all the information above plus summaries.

All abstracts and indexes listed below are in the Periodicals Reference Area (Per-R) in Reference Room.

Per-R — America: History and Life. American Bibliographic Center, 1964-
This abstract changed format in 1974 to include not only the journal article abstracts and citations in Part A - but an index to book reviews in part B - Part C includes citations from A and B plus dissertations found in Dissertation Abstracts.

Per-R — Historical Abstracts. Clio Press with the International Social Science Institute, 1955-
An abstract journal that covers world literature. Contributing authors are primarily from the United States. Includes subject and author indexes.

Per-R — Humanities Index. Wilson Co., 1974-

Supercedes Social Science and Humanities Index. More history journals have been added. An author listing of citations to book reviews follows main body of the Index.

Micro-film Room

New York Times Index. New York Times, 1913 -

This newspaper subject index covers the newspaper from its beginnings in 1851 right up to the present day. Citations are made to the date, page, and column. There are many cross references to make searching easier for the user.

Per-R

Social Sciences and Humanities Index. Wilson Co., 1907-1974.

An easy to use index arranged by author and subject.